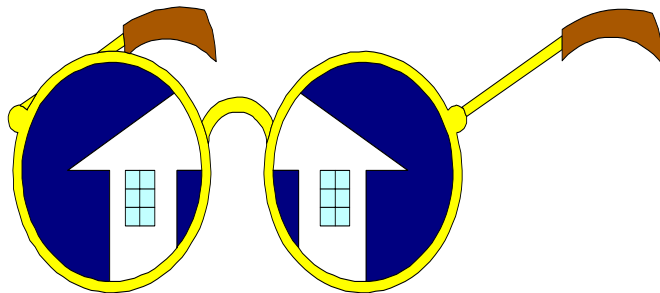


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Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Terri's Tidbits

I hope you all had a terrific summer, whether you traveled or stayed home. Vacations are fun, but it always seems to be more work to come home than it was to leave. I find that I feel like I need a vacation to rest up from returning from my vacation.

Those of you that stayed at home on June 27th missed a terrific Captains meeting. Hope to see you at the next one.

It is almost time for G.A.I.N. again. We have been very busy trying to get ready for the Kick-Off to be held Thursday, Sept. 26th. We hope you will be as excited this year as we are about the Kick-Off!

Letters have been sent out to inactive neighborhoods that did not have their 2 meetings for the year 2001. I find that some of them had the events, but did not forward the paperwork to me. It does none of us any good if you do not send it in right after the event. Please mail or fax your attendance sheets to me within one week of the event. It is your responsibility as Captain to make sure that the documentation for the event is sent in. If I do not receive any documentation I will assume that you did not have the required events and are inactive. Inactive Neighborhoods are subject to sign removal.

If you have an idea for an item to be put in the newsletter please call me at 644-3692. I am always trying to find news that will be of interest to you and since this newsletter is to help you and your Neighborhood Watch groups. It's your newsletter. Help me help you!

Are You Ready for a Challenge?

I would like to challenge each and every Neighborhood Watch in Superstition to have a G.A.I.N. event this year. This event must be held between 4 PM and 9PM on Saturday, October 26, 2002. We are the largest district in Mesa and have the most Neighborhood Watch groups. Let's show Mesa that we will also have the most parties! Come to the G.A.I.N. Kick Off, register your party and lets...

PARTY!

Important Telephone Numbers



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Superstition Neighborhood
Watch Coordinator

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Progress..... 911
Community Relations Unit.....
.....(480)644-2300
Community Relations FAX.....
.....(480)644-2800
Police Non-Emergency.....
.....(480)644-2211
Silent Witness.....
.....1-800-343--TIPS
Narcotics Hotline
.....(602)644-5081
Graffiti Hotline.....(480)644-3083
Gang Hotline.....(480)644-4264
Fraud Alert Hotline
.....(480)644-2345
SSN Fraud Hotline.....
.....1-800-269-0271
Postal Inspector..(602)223-3660

? & A

Q. I can't get my neighbors out to the events, even though they all say they support the program. Can I go door to door for those signatures to make sure we make the 50%?

A. No, signatures from any one not actually attending the event do not count toward the 50%. The whole idea of Neighborhood Watch is to mingle and get to know each other. If signatures are collected door to door the only people meeting each other are the two at the door.

Q. We try to have our 2 events every year. Why can't we ever get a speaker from the Police Department to come visit to talk about the prevention of crime?

A. If you have planned your event for a night, Monday-Thursday, and have given me a minimum of 3 weeks notice there is more of a chance that we can get you a speaker from our department, either a Crime Prevention Specialist or one of our Neighborhood Watch volunteers. However, we do not schedule presentations on Fri., Sat., or Sundays since our experience shows that most people will attend a "fun" event on weekends, but not a presentation event. In actuality, just the fact that you all get together to visit as a neighborhood is the most effective crime prevention tool you have at your disposal. Visiting among yourselves you find out what is happening in the area. Learning who lives in the neighborhood is as important as learning about locks for your doors.

Practicing crime prevention is better than just talking about it.

Neighborhood Watch Captain's Meeting turns into a "Country Fair"



A "Country Fair" was the theme of the successful event used as our second quarter captain's meeting. The event was held June 27th at the Red Mountain Multi-Generational Facility. The main reason this meeting was so successful could be contributed to the hard work of the 4 volunteers: Haley Sisson, Stacy Walliser, Jeri Liberman and Edward Middlesworth. The volunteers are captains in their Neighborhood Watch areas. They did the planning, decorating and hosting of the event. They even solicited area businesses for refreshments and door prizes. All in all, they found over 18 prizes and table decorations that were given out to the other 60 attendees. Each deserves a special "Thank You" for having given up 3 Thursday afternoons to plan the event. They also did just an awesome job on their presentation to the other captains on what

they did and how it can be done in the neighborhoods as one of the two required events. Commander Sandy Driscoll gave out Popsicles as a reward to all of the captains for "sticking it out in the Arizona heat" and attending the event. City Councilmember Rex Griswold was a special guest, Commander Driscoll was a hit in her "bibbies and straw hat" and Stacy, dressed as a fortune teller, mesmerized everyone with her fortune telling ability. If anyone needs advice on asking for donations just talk to Haley. He did a fantastic job of canvassing the merchants for donations.

A very special thanks goes to City Councilmember Griswold, Neighborhood Watch captain Mike Rasmussen, Bike Officer Dave Meicke and CAT Officer Terry Huggans for their participation in the pie eating contest. While Officer Huggans was the odds on favorite going in, he came in last as he ended up with more berry pie on his face than in his stomach and was seen popping antacids for the rest of the evening. Officer Meicke, with help from his son, had the edge at the end, even as Councilmember Griswold fed Meicke's son pie behind his dad's back. Mike Rasmussen, as the lone representative of the Neighborhood Watch



captains, put in a very respectable showing. Each contestant was spurred on by their cheering section made up of the other Neighborhood Watch captains. CAT Officer Roger Sweet was the official timer for the contest. Another "Thank you" goes to Officer Mitch Adair and his Police Explorers for their furnishing their popcorn and popcorn machine.

Donations of food or prizes were contributed by the following merchants: Apache Sands Car Wash, A Stacy Creation, Arizona Golf Resort, Bashas, Benchwarmers, Costco, Discount Card and Party Shop, Dolphins Car Wash, Mesa Fire Department, Streets of New York, Van's Pro Shop and Village Inn.

All in all, it was a most unusual and extremely fun evening and it totally exceeded my expectations for which I can only thank all of the volunteers and the captains, Councilmember Griswold, Commander Driscoll and the officers for being such good sports. I would also like to thank my supervisor Denise Traves for all of her help and letting me follow through with all of the crazy ideas I come up with. I hope this event is the first of many events in which I can get captains to assist me. If this event was any indication as to the talent that is lurking out there among all of the Neighborhood Watch captains, then we can hope that future events will be every bit as creative and fun!





By Commander Sandy Driscoll

Hello Everyone!

What a great time I had at the last Block Captain's Quarterly Meeting! I would like to thank Haley Sisson, Stacey Walliser, Jeri Lieberman and Ed Middlesworth for the wonderful job they did in planning the event. For those of you who were not able to attend you really missed out. A special thank you goes to Block Captain Mike Rassmussen, Council Member Rex Griswold, CAT Officer Terry Huggans and Bike Officer Dave Meicke. The four of them bravely entered the pie-eating contest and proudly represented their respective areas. The winner was Dave Meicke, MPD Bike Unit. Way to go Dave!

In the last newsletter I told you I would let you know what goals the Police Department Patrol Bureau set and how you can help reach those goals. Here are some of them:

- 1) Reduce Vehicle Burglaries 20% - you can help by remembering to lock your car, don't leave valuables in plain sight including loose change.
- 2) Reduce Stolen Vehicles 10% - again, remember to lock your car, use theft prevention devices. Large parking lots, such as movie theaters and malls are prime locations for these types of crimes. Report suspicious people hanging around, looking into cars, etc.
- 3) Reduce Residential Burglaries 10% - **Know your neighbors, communicate with each other.** Let each other know when you are going to be gone for more than a day, keep an eye on the homes of people that are gone at set times each day, know what vehicles belong to them. Remember to lock your doors and windows, keep garage doors closed, keep bushes and trees trimmed so they don't block doors and windows and make a good hiding place, report suspicious vehicles and people.
- 4) Reduce Traffic Accidents 30% - as you approach a major traffic intersection be aware of traffic around you, are cars slowing for the red light, is a car getting ready to turn left, etc. The major intersections for accidents in our district are Power Rd. and Southern, Power Rd. and Main, US 60 and Val Vista, and Val Vista and Southern. Please drive carefully when approaching these intersections and all intersections in Mesa.

All of you have brochures from Terri Teten, your Crime Prevention Specialist. Please share these with your block members. If you need more let Terri know. Also, I think that the goals listed above would make a great theme for a block party. Terri and I would be happy to put together a party packet of information to help you with your party.

Coming up next month is GAIN Kickoff. It is a fun event, please sign up and join us. I look forward to seeing you there, if you see me don't hesitate to say hi. It is time to start planning your GAIN Night; let's have lots of parties that night!

Be safe and I will see you at GAIN Kickoff.



G.A.I.N. 2002

By Lindy Marino, GAIN Coordinator

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods is rapidly approaching. Have you decided on what kind of party to throw yet? It's not too late to get some great ideas, and where better to find those ideas than at the GAIN Kick Off?

The GAIN Kick Off is an "by invitation only" event, designed to help block watch leaders plan for their GAIN parties! Invitations are being sent out the first week in August to the Kick Off, which will be held September 26th. If you have not received yours already, please call 644-2300 or 644-3921 as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that only those individuals the Mesa Police Crime Prevention Unit has registered as a block watch leader received invitations. Due to space limitations, we are unable to accommodate any guests or others not on the list. In order to attend the Kick Off (and have a great time with entertainment, refreshments and a chance to win a GAIN party for your neighborhood, door prizes or give away items for everyone in your Neighborhood!) you must register your block watch for a GAIN party by August 30th. Any reservations received after that date cannot be guaranteed entrance to the Kick Off, nor will not be eligible to win a party. The actual ticket needed to enter the Kick Off will be sent out the first two weeks of September (after the GAIN registration is received) so if you have not received your ticket by September 15th, and have registered for a GAIN party, please call one of the numbers above. Remember, only those registering a GAIN 2002 party will receive a ticket to the Kick Off.

The actual date for GAIN 2002 is Saturday, October 26th. That evening from 4—9PM, the City of Mesa police, fire and other departments will be visiting nearly 300 block parties throughout Mesa, and it's YOUR time to show off your neighborhood! For more information on GAIN 2002 events, or for party ideas, please call Lindy Marino, GAIN Coordinator, at 644-3921. Don't forget, this event also counts as one of your two annual block watch events.



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Superstition District Neighborhood Watch Activity Calendar

September:

26— G.A.I.N. Kick Off

East Valley Institute of Technology (E.V.I.T)
1601 W. Main Street, Mesa (just west of Walmart)
Doors open @ 5:30PM
Event hours: 6:00PM to 8:30PM
BY INVITATION ONLY — NO GUESTS

October:

26— 4:00 to 9:00PM- G.A.I.N. Night

December:

4th Quarter Captains Meeting— to be Announced

2002 2nd Quarter— New/Reactivated Watches

1. 7600 E. Jan – C. Fitzgerald, W. Koster
2. 8500 E. Pampa – M. Ringer
3. 11200-11300 E. Sunland – C. Woodward, C. Silverthorn
4. 11200-11300 E. Emelita – R. Wood, F. Kinney
5. 1400 N. Terripin – A. Riffe
6. 7100 E. Lomita – M. Hurry
7. 10600-10700 E. Emerald – B. Earl
8. 10600-10700 E. Enid – J. & C. Bird
9. 900 S. Vegas – A. & M. Stevens
10. 3100 S. 83rd. Cir – B. Prater
11. 1700-1800 N. 74th Pl. – K & M Hoopes
12. 4000 E. Arbor – S. Hightower
13. 7500 E. Hobart – I. White, C. Hunt
14. 100 S. Norwalk – A. Robinson